

REMARKS

Claims 1-21, 23-43, and 62-67 remain for consideration in this application.

Claims 1, 62 and 63 are independent, with claims 1 and 63 being drawn to tackifier resins *per se*, and claim 62 is directed to a tackifier made by a claimed process.

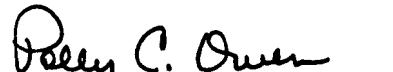
Applicants appreciate the Examiner's consideration of our arguments, and the removal of the rejection of Claims 1-48 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Whitmire et. al (U.S. Patent 4,912,169).

The Examiner has stated that the restriction requirement concerning Claims 49-61 has been made final. These claims have been canceled in this amendment as requested by the Examiner.

Claims 66-67 have been provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting over copending application (10/780,989). A terminal disclaimer is being filed with this amendment to overcome this rejection. Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be removed.

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



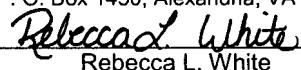
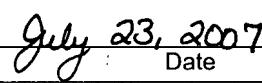
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